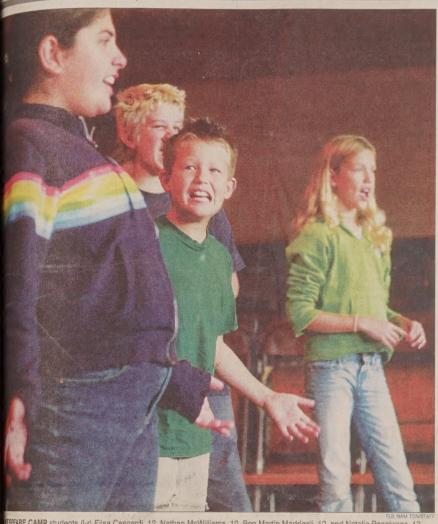
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Arts A survey of some of the region's best playgrounds for kids [C3]



FEARE CAMP students (I-r) Elisa Cascardi, 12, Nathan McWilliams, 10, Ben Martin Madrigali, 12, and Natalie Rosekra (bexaggerate a line during a class called 'Activating the Text' at El Cerrito's Harding Elementary School on Tuesday.

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"We did so well this summer that we look to be in El Cerrito again and perhaps add a satellite campus further north. We've really made a nice home in El Cerrito, so we'd like to maintain that.'

gave each of them a gentle body slam onto a cushy blue mat. It's an advanced move that she doesn't teach her pupils, but they love getting thrown, she said.

"They really like the flying through the air," Ozymandias said. "And sometimes, they say, "Would you throw us?" and if we have time, I say OK."

The California Shakespeare Festival has put the Shakespeare camp on for several years but this is just the second year it's been held in El Cerrito, as part of an effort to reach more children in West County. The 34 children in the camp came from all

on one scene from William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The students said they enrolled in the course because they liked acting, though not all were familiar with Shakespeare, barring some recent movies, including "Romeo + Juliet" with actor Leonardo DiCaprio.

"I really like Shakespeare and want to be an actor when I grow up," said 10-year-old Berkeley resident Elisabeth Sanders, who added her family has seen several productions at the California Shakespeare Festival in Orinda.

"I like Shakespeare, but I just See BARD. Page A10

See BARD, Page A10

6 enter race for **West County** school board

Candidates discuss ideas for school board in charge of 33,000 students

By Kara Shire

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STAFF WARTER

A handful of political newcomers will challenge three incumbents in the Nov. 5 election for three open seats on the West Contra Costa school board.

Challengers Tom Kamb, Ray Muhammad and Susan Pricco are vying to unseat incumbents Karen st. Leong Fenton, Glen Price and Charles Ramsey.

The five-member West Contra Costa school board oversees schools in El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Kensington, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo.

Candidates who garner the most votes will lead the 33,000-student school district through four years of massive construction as the district cashes in on \$500 million in bonds to refurbish dozens of aging campuses and build a few new ones.

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Report concludes ferries pollute more than buses

By Bruno Farragut

survey do not quite meet the EPA standards that will take effect in 2007.

The Calstart report includes a number of possible technologies that meet and exceed these EPA standards.

One, the report states, is the use of cleaner fuels and another

Cerrito moves closer to establishing a city arts commission

on the council, believe a formal ion might be too

Alan Lopez

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Poets Rood, Seevak featured at library

First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays at the Albany Library are all about poetry.
On Thursday, Sept. 5, the featured poet is Steven Rood. There's also an open mike at that event, which runs from 7 to 9

p.m.
Second Wednesdays are po-etry-writing workshops. Alison Seevak will lead one from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11.
Both events are free and open

p.m. Sept. 11.

Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

The Albany Library is a branch of the Alameda County. Library; it is located at 1247 Marin Ave. Information: Julie Winkelstein, 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

El Cerrito

Stay connected to **ECHS** news

Joann Steck-Bayat, vice president of the El Cerrito High School PTSA, urges parents to sign up for the group's e-mail tree, which reaches parents, faculty and administration.

Those who sign up, will receive the Weekly Bulletin, which has information about sporting events, minimum days testing days; the Junior-Senior Bulletin containing information about SAT notices, scholarship deadlines, visiting colleges, career fairs, as well as other important high school information you will need to know.

Interested parents, teachers and administrators can join or get more information by e-mailing Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@attbi.com.

Sierra Club looks at local environment

The Sierra Club's West Contra Costa County Group will hold its bimonthly general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 28 at Northminster Presbyterian Church's Makamie Hall 545 Ashbury St.

The discussion will include the status of development in Hercules' Franklin Canyon; the proposal for development above the Clark Road trailhead in El Sobrante; what's happening with

Parents invited to coffee at Castro

Contee at Castro

Castro Elementary School will
offer a coffee for parents at 8:30
am on the first day of school,
Tuesday, Aug. 27. Parents and
other family members are invited
to come to the multipurpose
room to meet principal Nicole
Vedder and other parents, and
get information about the school.
Refreshments will be provided.
New and other interested families are invited to join a tour of
the school. Castro is located at
7135 Donal Ave.. The multipurpose room is on the Lawrence
Avenue side of the campus.

School district hopefuls at forum

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Laprenda's Kair Network

Candidate's Forum at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The forum will last about two hours.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with the club considering endorsing statewide candidates and local ballot measures.

The meeting will be held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. For more details call 510-741-0711.

Get artist's tour of **Baxter Creek banks**

Join artist Christopher Castle and the Friends of Baxter Creek for a walking tour of the Baxter Creek watershed this Saturday, August 24th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This tour replaces the FOBC Mira Vista Field work party originally scheduled for this date.

Through fieldwork for The Mapping Project, Castle has traced the underground and aboveground sections of the creek from its source to the Bay.

He'll guide residents along the hidden sections of the Canyon Trail branch of Baxter Creek as it courses through parks, neighborhoods, and culverts toward the Bay.

The tour will be followed by a mapping game in which par-ticipants will have a chance to "map" their personal experience of their community.

Clark will use these individ-ual maps to assemble an atlas of local experiences, which will re-veal and record our community's cultural and natural history.

Meet for the tour at the Con-lon Avenue entrance to Canyor Trail Park. Details: 510-231-5778

Time to sign up for citywide garage sale

The 13th annual city-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration forms are available at the city's Recycling Center and will be in the upcoming fall/winter recreation brochure that is mailed to every home. The garage sale is open to El Cerrito residents only. For more information, call the Recycling Center at 510-215-4350.

Wilkins offers rose advice to garden club

Miriam Wilkins of the Heritage Rose Society will share her extensive knowledge of successful rose-growing at the September meeting of the El Cerrito Garden Club. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Guests are welcome: \$3 at the door. In.

Kensington

Hear about quilts as fabric diaries

Niki Bonnett presents a lec-ture, "Fabric Diary Art Quilts" at the East Bay Heritage Quilters meeting, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26at the First Unitarian Church at 1 Lawson Road.

Now a full-time artist, Bonnett is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, was a graphic designer for 15 years and had her own design company. Admission is free to members, \$3 for nonmembers. Details: 510-547-1119.

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EL CERRITO POLICE

Thursday, Aug. 8

■ ROBBERY — A Payless Shoe Source employee was robbed of more than \$1,300 while walking to a bank on the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue. The robber placed an unknown object in the victim's back and forcefully removed the store's deposit bag from him.

■ THEFT — A backpack was stolen from a pickup truck on the 2300 block of Carquinez Avenue sometim between 6 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 1:30 a.m. the next day.

Friday, Aug. 9

- AUTO BURGLARY The interior of a 1989 Toyota Carrry was ransacked sometime between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m., but nothing was taken.
- AUTO THEFT A 1993 Saturn was stolen from the 6200 block of Cy press Avenue sometime between 5
- AUTO THEFT A 1994 Acura In tegra was stolen from the R&R Auto lot on Fairmount Avenue sometime between 3 and 4:30 p.m.
- AUTO THEFT A Honda Civic was stolen from the 6200 block of Cy press Avenue sometime between 3 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10

- AUTO THEFT A 1985 Buick Re-
- COMMERCIAL THEFT A 12-
- AUTO THEFT A 1995 Ford Escort was stolen from El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 2 and 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11

- ROBBERY A woman's wallet was removed from her rear pants pocket while she was pushing her wheelchair home at 3.51 p.m. Afte taking the wallet, the robber ran south on Richmond Street toward
- BURGLARY It was reported or Aug. 11 that property was removed from a garage on the 6700 block of Hagen Boulevard.
- ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT -The driver's door of a 1991 Hon

Monday, Aug. 12

■ BURGLARY — Hedge clippers were stolen from an unlocked gara on the 7600 block of Lynn Avenue.

■ AUTO BURGLARY — A stereo

■ AUTO BURGLARY — An ashtray and vehicle registration were stolen

■ AUTO BURGLARY — CDs, a stereo, sleeping bags and a tent w stolen from a 1984 Honda Accord sometime between midnight and

Tuesday, Aug. 13

■ AUTO THEFT — A 1997 Ford Escort was stolen from the 2700 block of Arlington Boulevard sometime between 6 p.m. Aug. 13 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

- AUTO THEFT A 1993 Mercury Villager was stolen from the 2400 block of Tulare Avenue sometime between 8 p.m. on Aug. 14 and 7 a.m.
- AUTO THEFT A Honda Accord was stolen from the 1800 block of Ar-

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ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Aug. 12

- AUTO BURGLARY It was reported at 9:29 a.m. that power tools were removed from the passenger floor of a truck on the 800 block of Jackson Street.
- AUTO BURGLARY It was reported at 7:33 p.m. that a stereo vremoved from a 1968 Ford Thundbird on the 400 block of Kains Av-

Tuesday, Aug. 13

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Wednesday, Aug. 14

- AUTO BURGLARY It was r ported at 12:29 p.m. that a stere was removed from a vehicle on t 800 block of Pomona Avenue.
- AUTO RECOVERED A stol

Friday, Aug. 16

■ THEFT — It was reported at 9:15

a.m. that tools and other items were removed from a patio area of a bus ness on the 1500 block of Solano A

■ AUTO BURGLARY — A woman reported at 7:34 a.m. that a stereo and CDs were taken from her vehi on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue

Saturday, Aug. 17

■ ARREST — A possibly intoxicated man sleeping in ivy and bushes on the 800 block of Adams Street was arrested at 4:46 p.m.

Tuesday, A

BANK ROBBER

■ INTRUDER — It wo 9:28 p.m. that a stran

UC Berkeley staff making strike preparati

Cal's lecturers, nurses and clerical workers claim unfair labor practices, say they will protest during the first 3 days of school

By Suzanne Pardington

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STAFF WATTER

BERKELEY — Lecturers, clerical workers and nurses plan to strike during the first three days of classes at UC Berkeley next week, union leaders announced Wednesday.

The strike could be the first of many labor demonstrations this fall at other University of California campuses to push for higher wages and better working conditions and protest the university's negotiation tactics.

"Together we are the people who make this place happen every day, and next Monday, Tuesday and Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we are the people who will make it stop," Jim Stockinger, a lecturer and child care worker, said at a noon rally Wednesday in Sproul Plaza. "We are sick and tired of showing up at a bargaining table with a uni-

ciasses and administration during the strike, Marie Felde, a campus spokeswoman said. Faculty and other staff will try to cover the classes of striking lecturers and fill in for missing clerks. But she expects some phones will not be answered and all but urgent appointments will be canceled at the university's health center.

Union leaders have accused the university of unfair labor practices, charges university officials deny. The university is preparing an unfair labor practice complaint of its own, claiming the strike is an illegal pressure tactic.

"We have been doing nothing but bargaining in good faith," UC spokesman Paul Schwartz said.

Lecturers belonging to the University of California Council of the

CLERICAL STAFF MEMBERS hold a rally on the U

American Federation of Teachers have voted to authorize job actions at all UC campuses, starting with next week's strike at Berkeley.

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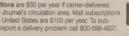
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MARTIN SNAPP

front feel more involved in the war effort.

Instead, he used the crisis as a pretext to push the same old corporate wish list: opening up the long-coveted Alaska wildlife refuge for drilling by the big oil companies. He could have co-opted the other side of the aisle by bringing prominent Democrats into his cabinet, like Sam Nunn, Bill Perry, George Mitchell, Bill Daley — even (if he wanted to make a really dramatic gesture) his old rival, Ann Richards. Instead, he even has a hard time appointing other Republicans — not unless they have a history of unbroken loyalty to the Bush clan going back at least 25 years. I mean, has anybody noticed that Rudy Giuliani is still looking for a job?

Ordinarily, I wouldn't be angry about this. If Bush wants to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and doom himself to being a one-term president like his dad, who am I, as a Democrat, to stop him? But this is wartime. If he fails, we all fail. I don't care whether he wins the presidency again, but I do care whether he wins this war.

But to win, he's going to have to fight smart, a lot smarter than he's doing. That means reining in Ashcroft and telling him to just do his job and give his ideological agenda a rest. It means firing his friend Tom Ridge (who has the deer-in-the-headlights look down better than anyone since Dan Quayle) and turning homeland security over to someone who will actually get the job done, like Giuliani.

It means telling Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and Perle to put any action against Iraq on hold until we finish the job we set out to do: finding Osama Bin Laden. As Lincoln famously said, "One war at a time." It means admitting that his backloaded, high-bracket tax cut is now counterproductive in this changed economy; and that what we need is more money in the hands of the little guy, not the corporate bigwigs.

It means resurrecting the old U.S. Information Agency and cranking up TV channels in Arabic, Farsi, Tagalog, Urdu and a hundred other languages and dialects — featuring all the things that make American

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FOR MORE THAN 15 years,
I've written a column for a
variety of newspapers
throughout the Bay Area — a
column that I hoped would be
humorous and might help
lighten the load for readers
bogged down with the serious
news of the day.

Some called it an everyman's
column ... a tale any dad or husband could relate to. Some said
it reminded them of similar
events in their lives. Some said
it sometimes made them laugh
out loud. Others called it a
waste of ink and paper. (I chose
not to listen to them.)

One of my favorite gags
through the years was my reference to my "better half" as "the
wife," a reference that incensed
some readers with the inference
that I considered my wife to be
some sort of object.

I never did. I have always
considered my wife to be an independent thinker, a beautiful
woman both inside and out. I've
always had the greatest respect
and admiration for her, and I
have loved her with all my heart
since meeting her 33 years ago.

"The wife"? I just called her



DICK SPARRER

The cards, the flowers, the phone calls, the balloons, the stuffed animals, the meals, the help and guidance . . . it all has meant so much to our family.

We? That's right — me and my wife Randee. I just wish we could do it together.

State panel: Counties should do more to aid homeless

By Jack Chang
STAFF WATTER

A task force convened by Gov.
Gray Davis in March to study homelessness released its preliminary report Monday, suggesting local governments play a bigger role in battling homelessness while state monies remain scarce.

The state should encourage counties, school districts and other formeless on any given day, said Grantland Johnson, secretary of counties, school districts and other efforts on identifying people in danger of becoming homeless and don't more, said Valerie Street, Alameda County spends between \$50,000 people who are homeless on any given day, said Grantland Johnson, secretary of counties, school districts and other efforts on identifying people in danger of becoming homeless and don't more, said Valerie Street, Alameda County spends between \$50,000 people who are homeless on any given day, said Grantland Johnson, secretary of every night, Street said.

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"No one is suggesting we don't he state steen and local officials reach out to people avoid the Bay Area become homeless every year.

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Back-to-school drive can use additional donations

STAFF REPORT

In the second week of Project Ready to Learn, backpacks, pencil boxes and other school supplies continued to pour into the collection bins at Hills and Contra Costa Newspapers.

Last Saturday volunteers from the Junior League of the East Bay helped sort through the mountain of reader donations.

Already, supplies for about 250 children are on their way to local kids in need, via Contra Costa's Volunteer and Emergency Services and the Shirley Eastman Children's Fund of Alameda County Social Services.

Still, much more is needed. Thousands of East Bay children are growing up in poverty, and without your help, many will have to return to school empty-handed. Here's how to contribute:

Donate supplies

Project Ready to Learn seeks sets of new items, each ready for one individual child. Choose one or more of the options below:

A pencil box full of supplies for a middle or high school student: pens, No. 2 pencils, markers or colored pencils or magic markers, writing pencils, a ruler and several big pink erasers.

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EDITORIAL

Schools failed first

■ XIT EXAMS ARE GAINING popularity across the nation, and causing fits. The failure rates are disappointing, particularly for minority and disadvantaged students, a report says. The Center on Education Policy's report also says it's because schools are failing to prepare them for

An exit exam may require review, but that minorities and disadvantaged students are not prepared for the exam is telling. It says school, K-12, is failing them. The point of an exit exam is to determine that the student has learned enough of what is considered necessary to go to the next step in life. It is not something that he or she takes summer school or a special class to be able to pass. Teaching to the test negates the point of taking the test ... or negates the point of 13 years of schooling.

When as many as 42 percent of students nationally taking the test fail the English portion and the percentage of minorities failing is higher, that's a problem either with the test or how minorities are being taught. It does not mean the test should be simplified. The test should be based on what educators think high school graduates should know.

This is not an issue of a "bell curve," either, as some b lieve. It's an issue of environment, style and outlook and how those things are not addressed or dealt with in school.

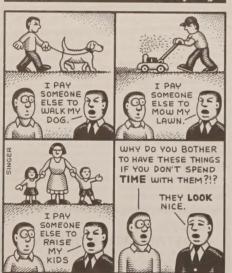
Also, people have different learning styles. Most schools, however, have not yet adjusted their teaching methods to the various styles — at least not in poor neighborhoods where many minority students will be found. And it seems apparent that whatever style minorities and disadvantaged students learn by, it is not the one common to today's and yesterday's public school system.

Until learning style is considered and incorporated into the teaching process, you can expect that 12 years of minority, poor and disadvantaged students lives' are a struggle, perhaps completely wasted. It is no wonder so many do so poorly on exit exams that still work best for a certain type of learner.

When educators look at the statistics and see that they aren't reaching certain segments of their student bodies, they must consider that as their own failure as well. And they must seek better results that do not flout the purpose and spirit of the exit exam.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unnecessary expense

The Aug. 9 Journal contained a letter urging that El Cerrito is "long overdue for an arts and culture commission" and that the City Council should create such a commission.

This is an unnecessary, costly and very disrespectful suggestion, and likely to cause more problems than good.

El Cerrito has a long history as a small city with many local artists, musicians and festivals. It does not need a city commission to coordinate these fine artists.

artists.

El Cerrito had a long tradition of being a community where people of many cultures live in harmony. The churches and other places of worship provide fine venues for cultural and religious festivals which are shared with the whole community. We speak 54 different languages in my church.

munity. We speak 54 different languages in my church.

Our city does not need an overseeing group to coordinate our desire to live in harmony and enjoy one another's cultural diversity. Further, the parks and recreation commission and staff is not "already overburdened."

In the last two years, the parks and recreation department and commission developed the Canyon Trail Clubhouse into the Canyon Trail Arts Center and participated in the recognition of historical sites, such as the former Chinese Boys School (now Windrush School).

Finally, do El Cerrito residents and City Council members really want to pay taxes for an "arts and culture commission" when we do not need one and where history shows us that government involvement with the arts inevitably politicizes them?

End dangerous policy

Reading recent articles about Mus-lim immigration, you would have no idea that the 19 hijackers of Sept. 11 were Middle Eastern men and that terrorist sleeper agents reportedly remain in

place.

It is inexcusable that visas are still issued to citizens of Middle Eastern nations — more than 50,000 in the eight months following Sept. 11. Why is the U.S. military fighting al-Qaida around the world while the State Department welcomes thousands of possible terrorists into our communities? What kind of national security is that?

It's as if Nazis were allowed.

It's as if Nazis were allowed to visit America during World War II. Surely not all of them were war criminals, so why discriminate against all for the bad behavior of a few? Similar addled thinking is common in Washington now, where fearful political correctness takes precedence over common sense.

Political leaders say we are in a war against terror but they have not acted to protect Americans by keeping out likely enemies. It is insanity to permit any visitors or immigrants from terror-promoting states. This dangerous policy should end immediately.

Not a good governor

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Has anyone else noticed that in all of the attack ads with which Gov. Gray Davis is flooding the TV channels, he never once says anything good about his own four-year record of running the fifth largest economy in the world.

Perhaps that's because he doesn't want to talk about his own shameful record. He's had four years to run it. He ran it all right — right into the ground. He took a very healthy state surplus and ran it into one of the largest deficits this state has known.

Poor Davis. He can't run on his own record and can't talk about this own accomplishments because he has none.

Can anyone think of anything good he has done as our governor? Oh, he is good at raising money for himself. But the public economy would have been better off with no governor at all than with him in office.

Wake up, voters. There is no telling.

with no given office.

Wake up, voters. There is no telling how great the deficit will be with him there for another four years.

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Keep center open

It's come to our attention that the West Contra Costa Mental Health Crisis Center may close due to budget cuts. We feel it would be a tremendous loss of a valued resource for West County resi-dents.

valued resource for West County residents.

Dealing with mental illness, drug abuse problems and the general economic difficulties facing the people who live here, make the Crisis Center necessary now more than ever.

The cost of transporting patients and clients by ambulance to the county hospital in Martinez would place additional, unnecessary strain on dwindling budget funding allowances. Many people are able to walk, catch the bus or be driven to the 24th Street Crisis Center in less time and for a lower price, which could make a life-saving difference to the lives of clients, their friends and their families.

lies.

The center should remain open and available to West County residents. Services there are an essential thread in the fabric of the community.

There aren't many things we can count on in these economically challenging times. Having a safe, clean, profession-

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Many of us are disgusted by buying of our elected representations. The recently passed campance law, sadly, will do little of to improve matters.

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ral novelist breaks silence of family's Holocaust legacy

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States.
So the family survived in Poland, removed from the rest of the Jewish population, most of whom were sent to concentration camps, and very few of whom survived.

Her father was in the diplomatic service, and after the war they lived in Berlin for a while, where he was a consular attache, and then in Denmark. It was after Poland went Communist, in 1948, that her father decided it was the last straw, and the family defected. Irene was 4½ when the family went to Sweden and then shipped out to Venezuela.

"Even in South America, we still really did not really feel free," Pastor said. They had found that many countries did not want to take in refugees.

"We survived by bribing so that we could get into and remain in Venezuela."
Her father worked in a clothing store, then bought the store and opened two others.

"I never really liked it," she says, but it was 12 years later that she left Venezuela and came to Berkeley.

Her parents had traveled to Berkeley in the late 1950s and fell in love with it, so it was there that she went, and en-

rolled in the University of California. It was there, too, that she met the man who would become her husband. He was a student from Spain.

Pastor earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Slavic languages (mostly Russian) and "had a wonderful baby daughter, Carina, who was named after the second brightest constellation in the universe."

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After her divorce, while her daughter was little, she worked translating articles in Polish and Russian. She could work from her home, which made it advantageous. Later she started to translate Spanish, and found a job she loved.

But her early life always haunted her.

"My sister and I always talked about the atmosphere of doom that pervaded our home," Pastor says, "But when I tried to tell somebody else, I was always discouraged from doing so."

It was then that the decision was made to write the story she so needed to tell in the form of a novel.

"I was trying to convey how it felt to be children of Holocaust survivors, and how we brought everything with us without really knowing why."

It was the sister who remains a Catholic who most objected to her "outing the family."

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But Pastor has found that in the United States now, "it is not such a big issue. When I grew up it was an enormous issue."

She took two or three years

forgive.
She found that her readers have felt the same way.
"My last reading was at Barnes & Noble," she tells us, "and it became a long session, because everyone wanted to tell his or her own story, including one Chinese woman who talked about the Chinese coming to America. Everybody had a story, and all were very interesting. For me it was beautiful."

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When she finished writing the book, Pastor reports, she sent it out to big publishers, some of whom asked for a few pages, but most of whom wrote form letters to "Dear Author" wishing her luck. She then wrote to smaller publishers, "And that is when I did have an answer asking for the manuscript. When Berkeley Creative Arts Books called and said they wanted to publish it I was walking on air for weeks." And so "Legacy of Silence" was published, and as I looked through it I found it absorbing. I am so pleased that Marianne Hegeman suggested Irene Pastor to me.

Reading program has goal of uniformity

READING AND WRIT-ING instruction will look different when classes resume in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Instruction will be

period on reading and writing.

The extent of the changes and push for uniformity have alarmed some teachers and parents. But the overhaul was spurred by the state and is supported enthusiastically by district leaders, who say the old way wasn't working for enough children.

"We're not known each high."



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Data in this district, like many others, shows the students most hurt by the old methods were African-American and Latino students. That means disproportionately high numbers of those ethnic groups will be in the intervention classes at first.

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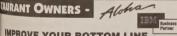
AUSD Board of Education

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The winners from August-September 2001 and May 2002 were honored at the meeting and presented with El Cerrito Garden Club certificate from a local nursery.

The winners from August-Sept. 2001 are:

Kunei and Teruko Shibata on Pebble Beach Drive for large garden of the month;

Maha Hamden and Andrew Davis on Brooks Avenue for medium-size garden of the month:

Carrie and Jim Carolan on Bonnie Drive for small garden of the month.

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Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Bingo, bridge, needle-crafts, world events, literature, writing memoirs, exercise, drawing and paratransit information. Hawaiian dance class 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays; there is a fee. Insurance counseling Monday by appointment. Home-delivered meals offered. Dinner 4 p.m. weekdays by reservation. 510-524-9122.

Berkeley

Monday and Thursday, 510-848-0237.

North Berkeley Senior Center — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 1901 Hearst Ave. Speakers, classes in languages, writing, dancing, sewing, ceramics and exercise. Bingo 1-2 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Movies 1 p.m. Thursdays and opera videos 1 p.m. Fridays. Diabetes education, housing information. Class, "Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of Literature," 1-3 p.m. Fridays. 510-981-5190.

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West Contra Costa County
residents who take insulin injections for diabetes are about to
benefit from a new program providing free and safe needle disposal.

posal.

The innovative health initiative, sponsored by Contra Costa Environmental Health, West Contra Costa Integrated Management Authority and West County Resource Recovery, will help diabetes patients dispose of needles safely. The program is intended

expendable labor," paid less than tenure-track professors and lack equal job security. They work on one-year or semester contracts un-til their sixth year, when they be-come eligible for three-year con-

Strike FROM PAGE A2 days. Black historical films 10 a.m. to-day. Mexican Independence Day cel-ebration will be Sept. 13. 510-981-5180.

El Cerrito

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, creative writing, current events, computers, needlecrafts and exercise. 510-524-1050.

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St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave. Computers, needlecrafts, pressed-flower card-making, painting and drawing, and tin sculpture. Blood pressure testing Tuesday. Tai chi 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sit-down exercises 11:30 a.m.-noon. Birthdays will be celebrated Tuesday, and there will be a sing-along. 510-237-3808.

The Open House — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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The Open House — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 6500 Stockton Ave. Tal chi 10 a.m. Mondays. Mah-jongg 12:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursday. Grocery bingo 12:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Music composition 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Music composition 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Needlecrafts 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Needlecrafts 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Creative writing 9 a.m. Fridays. Folk dancing, art classes, foot-care clinics, support groups, assisted grocery shopping, and programs for people who have major memory loss and those who are visually impaired. Kelly Ross will talk about future trips at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 4. 510-215-4340.

Kensington

Kensington Senior Activity Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Instruction in conversational German, computers, watercolor painting and meditation group. Massage therapy available for a fee. 510-526-9146.

Richmond

Senior Adult Activity Center — 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 34th Street and Barrett Avenue, Games, classes on card crafts, oil painting, dancing and quilting. World War II "Rosies" meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, "Spain by Train" sildes will be shown and there will be a blue-plate special lunch. 510-620-9566.

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p.m. Wednesdays. 510-232-3511.

Booker T. Anderson Jr. Senior Center — 10 a.m.-noon first and third Friday, 960 So. 47th St. Whist and dominoss. Mercy Brown Bag program 9 a.m.-noon today. 510-620-6816.

Parchester Village Seniors — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 900 Williams Drive. Games, speakers, bingo and keno. 510-235-4473.

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May Valley Community Center — 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays, 3530 Mom ingside Drive. Gentle gym class 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 50 cents. Bridge games 1-4 p.m. fourth Friday of the month. 510-620-6890.

All seniors

Berkeley Gray Panthers — 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, 1901 Hearst Ave. 510-548-9696.

County residents to mail-order a special needle container by calling toll free 1-888-412-9277.

Once the container is full and secured, patients drop off the containers between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. Residents will then receive a new container.

ALBANY CHAMBER NOTES

Work of community-minded per makes Albany a special place

By James Carter

DESPITE EVERYTHING, the blossoms of a cherry tree burst into view this week on Kains Street, directly in front of Grace Baking. The pink and white flowers defied the summer sun, a week of tordid heat and difficult times.

And here it is, nearly auturn.

Lions tackle graffiti

The Lions were roaring last Saturday, as they usually do in our town. Bill Johnson and Owen H. Jones donned red T-

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These two dedicated Albanians wore sturdy overalls, work shoes and gloves as they did battle with that most pernicious yet idiotic of all things — graffiti. Joining them on the other side of the street was Tony Wang, a student leader from Albany High School, as well as a chamber intern, and co-winner of this year's Youth of the Year Award. (You'll see Tony waving to the masses gathered to view the annual Solano Stroll Parade at 11 a.m., Sept. 8,)

Stroll Parade at 11 a.m., Sept. 8.)

Bob Langbein, from the East Bay Paint Center, donated the supplies both teams needed to clean up graffiti on Solano and San Pablo avenues. The kind and competent folks at Cortese Pharmacy donated cash to show support, and Sugata Japanese Restaurant contributed a gift certificate worth \$40 at their restaurant. (There's a reason they have been around for more than 27 years... they have the best Japanese food in the East Bay.)

It's this kind of community spirit that makes Albany what it is — a beautiful small town in which everyone will tell you the time of day ...

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Town supporters

And speaking of community spirit, there's another Lion (and a Rotarian, too) who, if you have not heard of him, you have doubtlessly heard him unless you are hard of hearing and don't spend much time in town.

town.
His name is Al Caruso. Al's office is in Kensington and he lives about 20 miles north of here. Yet Al donated \$400 out his own pocket so we could pay the musicians who are per forming in "Summer Days and Nights in Albany." Why? Because he loves this town. It's that simple.

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Then there's Dario Meneketti, Ever see him? You must have. Every day, Dario — who is getting on in years — rides his bike around town, and pauses to pick up stuff that folks carelessly toss to the wind — candy wrappers, cigarette butts, newspapers, hair-pieces ... Well, most of that stuff, anyway.

Dario has been doing this for years. And yes, Dario was there last Saturday, too. He filled up four extra large extra sturdy Hefty bags with, trash (no wigs or hairpieces, actually). Despite a few health complaints once in a while, Dario is still strong as an ox. And why

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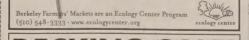
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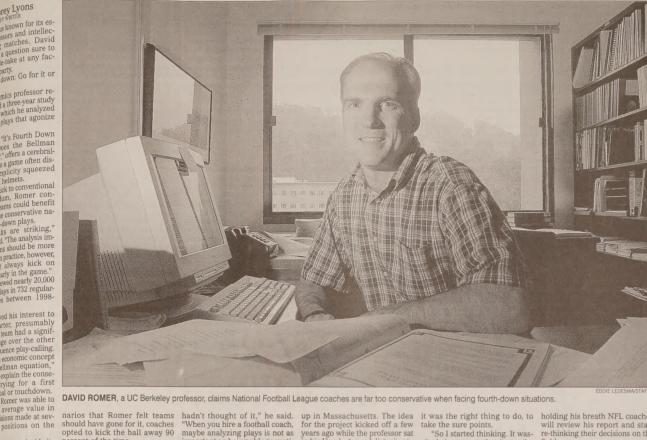
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hadn't thought of it," he said. should have gone for it, coaches opted to kick the ball away 90 percent of the time.

He's not quite sure why coaches are so conservative in calling their plays.

"I don't know. Maybe they"

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Hadn't thought of it," he said. "When you hire a football coach, opercent of the project kicked off a few years ago while the professor sat in his Honda Accord, listening to a Raiders game over the radio.

"It was fourth-and-goal, and they kicked a field goal," he said.

"It was the right thing to do, to take the sure points.

"So I started thinking. It was rethinking to do."

"It ovious to me that it was the right thing to do, to take the sure points.

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pipe. Having ferries with mod-ern diesel engines makes adopt-ing these technologies more straightforward, said Murphy.

wanted to do acting," said Ben.
Most all of the students
greed the stage combat class
vas the most fun.
Students were learning new
noves earlier in the week, then
tt the end of class, choreotraphed a fight scene with a partter.

cars used by ferry passengers is also a factor and that both of these sources of air pollution should be combined by civic planners to get an accurate idea of the problem.

Calstart has proposed a number of ways to reduce the pollution from the cars used to access the ferry terminals.

These include improving door-to-dock bus service and provid-ing shared electric vehicles. An expanded use of bicycles would also help.

Using ferries that are as environmentally friendly as buses is crucial to expansion plans, said the report.

her. Ozymandias offers helpful advice: "Work on eye contact." she said after it was finished. "Look at each other."

"It's really cool, I can fake slap somebody and scare my mom." 11-year-old Orinda resident James King said after the fight. "Stage combat is definitely the best," added 12-year-old El Sobrante resident Ben Madrigali." I actually like all of it, it's really fun."

King said the classes teach team-building and culture and are perfect for children who perhaps aren't drawn to athletics. "The arts saved my life when I was in middle school," said King who grew up in Sonoma County and received a bachelor's degree from USC in drama and a master in fine arts in acting

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with and raising the community's awareness of education.
"I think Hercules and this end of the district has kind of been ignored," Pricco said. "Education is not free, and I want to see that the money that is spent for education is spent wisely."

Price is an education consultant and EI Cerrito resident with five years on the school board.

He said he wants to "change the culture in our school district to be more inclusive of parents and the school community" while building on the accomplishments of the past five years.

be to create an arts sub-committee of members of the city's Parks and Recreation Community in EI Cerrito and people are supportive of it."

Perka added the city could partner with the Chamber of Commerce or get corporate sponsorship for public art shows.

Rosemary Loubal, a member of the city's Park and Recreation Commission, agreed with Perka, saying the city is doing fine because it lets artists work as individuals and is not overseen by a government agency. An arts commission could actually be prohibitive, she said, because it could exclude art it doesn't like.

Perka said a better idea would



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The exterior of this home has many features traditionally associated with the English Tudor houses of the 16th century. The gables are high-peaked and lined with barge boards, with some half-timbered panels just below their peaks. The second story overhangs the first floor, and the overhang is lined with

exposed beam ends. Most of the exterior is sheathed in brown shingles, and the entry way is set back beneath an arched, recessed front porch. The interior has 2,079 square feet of living space, with four full bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths. The living room has an elegant fireplace, and opens into a formal dining room with original built-ins. There are high cellings and lots of light in all the main rooms downstairs. The interior was recently repainted, and all of the hardwood floors were refinished.

There is a pleasant sunroom off of the dining room, that would be ideal for a home office. The large basement has a laundry area and lots of storage. There is an attached one car garage, with direct access into the house. The foundation has been retrofitted by the current owners. There are mature trees and lovely flowers in the back yard.

Perhaps the biggest plus about this house is its location. The home is in an old residential area bordering the city limits of Pledmont. Boulevard Way is

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Making way for an apple tree

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The garden is pretty full now, so something will have to go. I'd like to have a row of apple trees, maybe four, but unless I clear quite a length of space, only two will.



I used to have an apple tree, one that was already

in the garden when I came, but other weedy trees had grown up around it, and as it reached for sunlight, it became oddly misshapen.

Dunning

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The home needed updating throughout and it had no backyard, only a small, concrete patio. Although most of the foundation had been replaced, it still required some additional foundation work. Most daunting, was the fact that it was "not a drive by." The inside was gorgeous; the outside was not. One final, significant worry was that the market was becoming somewhat softer at that time. Given all this, I explained to the sellers that we could list it slightly under \$500,000 and expect to get offers a bit above that amount.

At this price, I cautioned, buyers would most likely ask for some work to be done, thereby decreasing the sellers' proceeds. I was also apprehensive about how many people would stop to see inside this home with little curb appeal.

Alternatively, we could ask \$425,000, "As Is," a price so low that it would cause a flurry of activity and eliminate all objections. The sellers chose the second option. They also took my advice and paid for pre-sale inspections, including pest control, general home inspection and engineering. These were given to prospective buyers.

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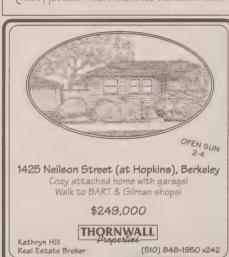




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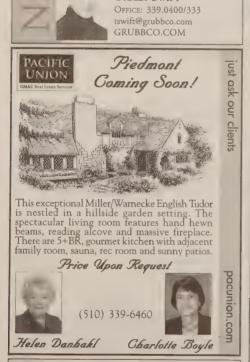
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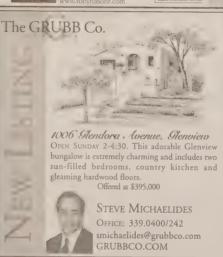
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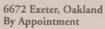
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yard.

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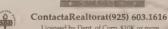
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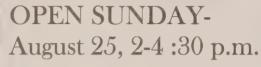
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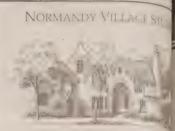
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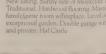
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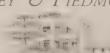
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Orlando Molina

"My dad asked me to do it. It's pretty special. The team got to read about the soldiers and they would also yell 'Go for

baseball team.

The Go For Broke Legacy Fund was started by James Izumizaki, who served in the 442nd, to commemorate his brother Henry, who died at the "Battle of the Lost Texas Battalion" in early November 1944. During the week-long battle, the Texas battalion was cut off and threatened with annihilation from the German forces.

The 100th/42nd was called in for a rescue operation, but the Germans, who held the high ground, pelted the regiment with grenades. It is unknown who called out "Go for broke." but the men charged up the steep hill. Henry sprained his ankle in



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FCOMMISSIONER Steve Blair celebrates a victory with Sudz teammate Manuel Leanos, front, after a Berkeley Lab Softball League ga

eague makes itself at home on road

ue is enjoying its stay porary though it -in Alameda



ALAN WANDESFORDE delivers a pitch for the Sudz team in a game at Alameda's Leydecker Park.

Go ahead and strike; we still have T-ball



See MCGREEHAN, Page 2

Cal secondary blessed with redshirt freshman

Skyline's Smith moves from safety to cornerback to help out the Bears

By Jay Heater

TIMES STAFF WRITER
BERKELEY — The artwork on Harrison Smith's right arm isn't what you might expect from a hard-hitting defensive back. There are no skull and crossbones, no big X, no bloody dagger.
Instead, the rather intricate tattoo features a woman with flowing hair. Included is the word "BLESSED."
"Everyone has a guardian an-

"He makes some great plays. And then people get by him. But he definitely has a great attitude, and we need to find people with coverage skills."

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

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Salmon fishing has remained good here for the past week. Over the weekend, Captain Steve Bales of the New Fisherman III reported there was a lot of boat traffic near the Marin Coast. Boats in the fleet had scores of under a salmon to about a salmon per rod. Bales said there was a slight breeze on Monday, which may have helped their salmon fishing. Scores of over a salmon a rod with some up to 40 pounds were reported. The New Fisherman III had 15 salmon for 12 fishermen, and the top score in the fleet was 25 salmon. On Tuesday, scores ranged up to 19 salmon. The New Fisherman III had 15 salmon for 12 fishermen, and the top score in the fleet was 25 salmon. On Tuesday, scores ranged up to 19 salmon. The New Fisherman III had 13 salmon for 10 anglers with a 35 pounder as its biggest. Lots of 12-15 salmon scores. Bales said it looks like a new school is moving into the area. Bay Area boats are both trolling and mocohing, with relatively the same results. By midday on Wednesday, Bales had 15 fish for 15 people with some in the 30-pound range. He reported that most other boats were taking just over a fish per rod.

James Smith took the Happy Hooker to Pedro Point over the weekend and had some success. On Saturday, they caught 18 halibut, 40 ling cod and around 200 rock fish. On Sunday, they caught 30 limits of ling cod, 10 halibut and 190 rock fish.

SAN FRANCISCO: Hallbut fishing remains steady in the bay. Smith said things aren't necessarily wide open here, but anglers have averaged 1-1½ fish per rod the past four or five days, making it a safe place to go. On Tuesday, Smith took the Happy Hooker between Treasure Island and the Berkeley Flats. They caught 15 halibut for 14 anglers and also landed a keeper striper and a ling cod.

SUISUN: The wind picked up SAN FRANCISCO: Halibut fish-

again this week, keeping a lot of boaters off the water. Four anglers — Wayne Underhill, Jeff Ramsey, Riley Ogden and Brijldo Flores — fought the wind and came home with several salmon fishing near the Benicia Bridge. The largest was a 40-pounder, with several others in the 15-20 pound range. The staff at McAvoy's said there's sturgeon out there to be had at places like Little Cut once the wind dies down.

Two notable sturgeon were brought into Martinez Bait and Tackle this week. Pat Murphy of Sacramento caught a 50.4-pound sturgeon at the Mothball Fleet, and Stan Rose of Pleasant Hill caught a 55-incher at Buoy 6 using eel. The staff at Martinez Bait and Tackle said the striper and salmon run is still near Benicia, while the sturgeon have moved up to the Montezuma Slough.

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THE RIVERS
SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON TO ORLAND: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures
Sport Fishing reported that king salmon is great right now, as they are seeing plenty of limits being caught. About 1,200 salmon have come over the diversion dam the last few days. The average weight of the salmon is between 20 and 35 pounds. They are bright chrome fish, with some as heavy as 50 pounds. Anglers are using flatfish lures and bouncing roe.

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SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Portocarrero sald rainbow trout fishing is fair to good right now, as the river is
producing 10-20 trout per day. Anglers should spin, using flatfish
lures and fly fish using glo-bugs
and bead head fox's poophas Nos.
16-18.

It's been a bit slow around Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista the past few days due to the some-times gusting winds. Joey and Mike

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report 12 x **E** 6 43× THE

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4. Mothball Fleet —
Sturgeon are starting to pack their bags.

7. Sherman Island —
Some 30-pound stripers are being had. 8. San Pablo Reservoir
A little bit of everything is

spitting out catfish at an alarming rate. Joe Bonaco: of Antiboch caught a 61%-pound catfish using mackerel, and John McDaniels of Antiboch caught a 13.85-pounder on minnows. David Paulding of Antiboch caught eight catfish totaling 22%-pounds on liver at Casa Mendota Canal. Decker and Sherman Islands have been producing some decent-sized striped bass. Tony Chen of Concord caught a 31-pounder on shad and Sherman Island. Josh Hood of Oakley caught a 32-pound striper by the Antiboch Bridge on chrome rattle trap.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing for trout

Bledsoe from Salinas managed to hook a 14-pound striper on shad near Decker Island. Anglers reported that some stripers have moved up by the Rio Vista Bridge and at the mouth of the Old Sacramento River. Decker Island continues to produce decent sized fish mostly on shad bait and sardines. Once in a while you can hook a keeper sturgeon, but they're mostly shakers on grass shrimp or shad. Salmon fishing has been slow all week as they are slowly moving up due to the warm water temperature. Four salmon were caught on Tuesday at Vieira's Resort.

The staff at Gotchal Bait in Antioch reports that Holland Tract still is

LAKE CAMANCHE, BURSON:

LAKE CAMANCHE, BURSON:
With the full moon this week, limits of trout are being had by overnighters at the dam. Balt anglers should anchor near the buoy line or just to the south of the spill-way and use Powerbait from 42-55 feet during the day and as shallow as 25 feet deep at night for rain-bows. The night boating law at Camanche prohibits anglers from moving their vessels after dark until sunrise. The best bet for trollers is to work from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. near the dam buoy line and spillway at depths of 45-58 feet. Use an R-Lure or No. 2 or 3 Needlefish in white or chartreuse. The best bet for bass is to fish the shallows very late in afternoons. Better areas include Lancha Plana, dike No. 1 as well as Causeway cove. Smoke with chartreuse-tail plastics are best with Green plastics. Small yellow spinnerbaits are the most productive lures.

Catfishing will get even better fo nighttime anglers with the moon near full. Great action for anglers

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Attention: High school coaches and ADs

high school fall sports schedules. Please fax or mail them to: Hills Newspapers, 1516 Oak Street, Alameda 94501; fax 510-748-1680.

BORP opener

The Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) will cele-brate "Opening Day" from 10 a.m.3 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the James Kenney Recreation Center (1720 8th Street, Berkeley). BORP is a nonprofit organization that provides sports and recreation programs to people with physical disabilities and visual impairments. For "Opening Day," the community will be invited to challenge the athletes to friendly competition in wheelchair basketball, power soccer and goal bail. The event is free. Those who wish to attend this event should contact BORP (phone: 510-849-4663; email: borp@borp.org) by Aug. 31.

Adult soccer

The coed adult soccer league of Albany is looking for teams and indi-vidual players of all levels, beginners

through advanced. Call the Albany Recreation Department at 510-524

Lacrosse players

The Skyline Lacrosse Club is looking for is looking for fourth-through eighth-grade players — both boys and girls — for the 2003 season. Developmental and competitive lacrosse programs are available. Active parent participation is required. For details, call Britta Stratton at 510-482-4841 or Ted Korth at 510-547-1387. Visit the club Web site at www.teamz.com/sky-lax.

The Skyline Lacrosse Club is looking for boys junior coaches for all levels for the 2003 season. These are paid positions, and coaches will be heading teams of players in grades 4-8. For details, call Britta Stratton at 510-482-8481 or Ted Korth at 510-547-1387. Visit the club Web site at www.teamz.com/skylax.

Soccer sponsors needed

The Jack London Youth Soccer Club is seeking sponsors for its Bay Oaks Labor Day Soccer Classic Tou

nament.

The club's primary fund-raiser, the Soccer Classic attracts 80 teams from throughout Northern California. The JLYSL is a nonprofit (IRS Section 501 [c] 3) organization that serves thousands of youth ages 6-19 from Oakland, Piedmont and Alameda. A sponsorship will help fund the club's youth scholarship program.

For more information, visit www.bayoaks.net/labor.htm or e-mail JLYSL co-director Julian Lucas at www.lulan@launchnet.

Golf

Golf

The Galbraith Junior Golf Program is open to players 7-18 interested in learning the rules and basics of golf.

The program runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Chabot Golf Course every Saturday.

Galbraith Junior Golf also invites the business communities of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro to get involved through group and scholarship sponsorships.

For more information, call program coordinator Clarence Washington at 510-569-5682, or e-mail Michael Salem at

oaklandboyz@aol.com.

Annika Sorenstam of Sweden,
Se Ri Pak of South Korea and Karrie
Webb of Australia are just three of the
international LPGA stars who will
compete in the Samsung World
Championship, to be held Oct. 1-6 at
Vallejo's Hiddenbrooke Golf Club. For
ticket and sponsorship information,
call 707-552-5883 or 888-345-LPGA,
or log on to www.samsungUSA.com.

Tennis

The 89th annual City of Alameda Tennis Championships will be held at the Fairfield Tennis Complex at lower Washington Park, 8th St. and Central Ave., Sept. 6-8.

The tournament is open to anyone; participants need no longer reside or work in Alameda. The divisions are 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 in singles, as well as doubles and mixed doubles.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$30 per team. For more information, call the Alameda Recreation and Park Department office at 510-748-4565.

Soccer teams forming

Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soc cer League Class III boys teams are being formed by the following clubs:

Albany/Berkeley (510-848-1339), San Pablo (510-223-8859), Richmond (510-820-0698), El Cerrito (510-869-KICK) and Mersey (510-524-4625) Contact these clubs directly or log on to www.accysl.org for tryout sched-

Coaching openings

St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, 1011 Chestnut St. in Alameda, is seeking coaches in a va-riety of sports for its 2002-03 season.

510-523-6967.
■ The Warriors Youth Football and Cheerleaders Association is a nonprofit public organization with a program designed to reach children in the greater Oakland area, including Alameda, Berkeley, Piedmont,

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FROM PAGE 1

School in Alameda.

Those two might have had as much fun as the kids did.

"It was fun watching them improve," said Larsen, who hopes to walk on to the Unive sity of Miami (Fla.) baseball team.

team.

"It's great getting to know (the kids) as people," added Romo, who looks to walk on at Sonoma State. "It's a job, but you still get to play baseball — and that's a good thing."

Surely, the highlight was the program's grand finale last Wednesday when the parents took the field against their kids.

As always, baseball is a

kids. As always, baseball is a young folks' game, and the kids beat us in a four-inning, modified contest. Of course, we parents took a casual approach. But we all had a great time and every minute of it was worthwhile.

Surely, the kids had looked

while.

Surely, the kids had looked forward to this last day. So, too, did the parents.

That morning, George barely could contain his excitement at breakfast. Daddy was going to join him on the baseball field.

I was evaluated.

I was excited, too. This was going to be a "first" for both of us.

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As for myself, I hadn't played in an organized, competitive game in more than 30 years. My last casual experience was P.E. softball at Alameda High School back in 1975. Furthermore, I had never hit off a tee. And even with corrected vision, I never was a bargain either at bat or in the field (thank God tee-ball does not have pitchers!). Still, I looked forward to being with

my son, his friends and their parents.

As usual, the day began with stretching exercises, and though my hamstrings began to howl, my fellow parents and I all survived.

I all survived.

The fun part, though, was getting on the field. When the parents took the field that first inning, we wandered some, each of us looking for a position to play. I wandered to shortstop, where one of my all-time favorites, Luis Aparicio, played ("Daddy, don't tell me about 'Little Looie' again," George grumbles). All of us agreed to rotate positions each inning, so I also ended up playing second, first and right field.

In the end, it was great.
Though I have long been a fan of the game, I had never enjoyed playing baseball so much in my life. Sports is great when you don't have to be too serious. And it's always great just to relax and have a ton of fun.

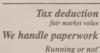
For parents and kids alike, tee-ball is a rite of passage. For our family, another rite of passage takes places later this month when George starts kindergarten. I look forward to getting involved in that experience, too.

ence, too.

As for future sporting experiences, my daughter, Annemarie, just turned 2. Maybe she'll also like tee-ball, or will want to play some other sport. Whatever the case, I'm certainly looking forward to sharing an athletic experience with her, too.

So let the majors go out on strike. Cancel the World Series again. There's still a lot of fun to be had out there.





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AQUATIC PARK in Berkeley features a massive play structure that looks like a medieval fort, as well as a sand-play area, a puppet she amphitheater, a butterfly garden and plenty of swings.

Vhere imaginations run wild

great playgrounds; here are some of the best places for kids to play

By Sara Steffens

TMES STAFF WRITER

T ALMOST SEEMS suspicious: Something amazingly neat, available to every kid, every day of the year, for free.

But that's exactly what playgrounds are — places designed just so children can run, climb, swing, hang upside-down and generally have a great time. And though monkey bars have yet to go out of fashion, today's public parks also offer some really cool new features.

All of which poses a question: Where can one find the very best playground in the East Bay?

To start my search, I collected suggestions from everyone I know. After I sorted through the list, I visited and evaluated each site.

Such matters are, of course.

1. Robert Leathers playgrounds

■ "Dreamland for Children,"
Aquatic Park, Bolivar Way at the
foot of Bancroft, Berkeley
■ "Playground of Dreams,"
City Park, First Street and Military West, Benicia
■ Hardy Park, 491 Hardy St,
Oakland (just below Highway
24, in Rockridge/Femescal)
What you'll find: These are actually three different playgrounds,
all designed by New York architect
Robert Leathers. Leathers, who's
famous for this sort of thing, cus-

2. Osage Station

Night of readings celebrates Islamic poet Rumi

■ His words are as familiar in some parts of the world as Shakespeare is where English is spoken

By Andrew Gilbert

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CORRESPONDENT

When the great Islamic spiritual teacher and poet Mowlana
Jalaluddin Rumi died on Dec. 17,
1273, in Konya in present-day
Turkey, men from five different
faiths followed his funeral bier in
tribute. The transcendent appeal
of Rumi's ecstatic Farsi verse has
endured over the succeeding centuries, and in large parts of the
world, his writings are as familiar
as Shakespeare is in Englishspeaking lands.

So perhaps it's not surprising
that Rumi's poetry would find a
home in the Bay Area. Eight years
ago, Dan and Dale Zola produced
the first Great Night of Rumi in
the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, and were
pleasantly surprised when hundreds of people showed up. Over
the years, the event has moved between Marin and San Francisco.
On Sunday, the Great Night of
Rumi returns to Berkeley.

For Dan Zola, the event's increasing popularity is sweet validation of a Rumi-esque moment
of inspiration. "I'd never had this
happen, but I was walking down
the street one day and an idea literally hit me," Zola said. "It was a
physical sensation, like in the cartoons when the idea bubble comes
from one end of the frame and hits
the person. Wouldn't it be great to
have a whole midth of the results.

PREVIEW

- WHAT: The Great Nigh WHEN: 8 p.m. Sunday



DAN AND DALE ZOLA have for years produced the Great Night of Rumi, which celebrates the works of 13th century teacher and poet

EVENTS

COMEDY

STAGE

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — KGB, Solemite, Aug. 23. \$7.

Con Panna, Aug. 25, \$3.

All Star Jam featuring The Steve Gar non Band and Mz. Dee, Aug. 26. \$4.

Plasticade, Hazmat, Aug. 27. \$3.

Electronica, Ascension, Aug. 29. \$5. Sol Americano, Dank Man Shank, Aug 30. \$5.

CATO'S ALE HOUSE - The Lost Tric

Vince Wallace Trio, Aug. 28.

Go Van Gogh, Sept. 1.

DOWNTOWN — Michael Bluest Aug. 23.

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NOW PLAYING

JUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER": he third installment in the ongoing saga if Austin Powers, superspy, is a heartily musing, crude night at the movies, elementer or less entertaining than either its two predecessors. There are reams celebrity cameos in this one, involving any Big Stars. Try not to find out who ey are beforehand, you'll have more fun

"THE BOURNE IDENTITY": Director
Doug Liman ("Swingers," "Go") revitalizes the thriller gener with this brisk adapt
tation of Robert Ludlum's novel about a
spy with ammesia. Matt Damon makes a
very fine Jason Bourne, conveying both
his strengthis (martial arts, ruthless planning, excellent language skills) and his
weaknesses (disorientation, desperation
about his future, and a soft spot for kids
that no spy should ever have). "Run Lola
Run" star Franka Potente plays his love
interest, and the chemistry between the
two of them seems genuine. The script is
intelligent, the story engaging and there's
never a dull moment. Hallelujahl — M
Pols. (PG-13: violence and some lan-

Maurstad (PG mild action.) 1 hour, 25

"MARTIN LAWRENCE LIFE: RUNTEL-

guage, sexual content and drug uses, nour, 47 minutes. B-'MEN IN BLACK II": Director Barry Son

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday August 23

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Act 1 and 2

7:30 •The Good Girl (R) 7:15, 9:30

Albany Twin

Albany Iwin 1115 Solano Avo, Albany 510-843-3456 •Mostly Martha (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 •Tadpole (PG-13) 12:15, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

California Theatre
2113 Kitredge St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13)
12:35, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30.
•Blue Crush (PG-13) 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:40. •Serving Sara (PG-13) 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7,

Chabot Space & Science Center ** 10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300 •The Living Sea (NR) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, erles of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30,

2:30, 5. •To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30.

Elmwood 3
2866 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-0530

About a Boy (PG-13) 2:35, 7:05.

elalian for Beginners (R) 12:05, 4:45, 9:25.

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13) 12:30, 4. Notorlous C.H.O. (Not Rated) 7:30, 9:30. Read My Lips (Not Rated) 12:15, 4:40,

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•Ram Dass: Fierce Grace (Not Rated) 7:30.

Renaissance Grand Lake 3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556

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•Simone (PG-13) 11, 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:45.

•Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 11:20, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.

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Renaissance Oaks Theatre

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1834 Park Blvd , Oakland 510-814-2400
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eMen in Black II (PG-13) 6:30.
eMinority Report (PG-13) 9:45.

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eThe Good Girl (R) 12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 1:40,

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2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456 •24 Hour Party People (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10,

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Renaissance Orinda Theatre

Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•Possession (PG-13) 7, 9:30.
•Read My Lips (Not Rated) 6:30, 9.
•Signs (PG-13) 7:15, 9:45.

Renaissance Park Theatre 3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-799 •My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 7, 9:15

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350 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411
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Bridge Theatre ★ 3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-352-0818 •One Hour Photo (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.

Castro Theatre *
429 Castro St. San Francisco 415-621-6120
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1572 Californa St., San Francisco 415-352-0810

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•What to Do in Case of Fire? (R) 2, 7.

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Loews Imax Theatre * 101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6200 Everest (Not Rated) 12, 2:20. Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 11, 1:10,

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Events

FROM PAGE C3 Mimi Fox, Aug. 29

Jamie Davis, Aug. 31.

Music at 5:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. 510-649-3810.

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Peppino D'Agostino, Aug. 23. \$16.50 to \$17.50 John McCormick, Aug. 24. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

The Great Night of Rumi, Aug. 25. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Barry Flanagan and Makana, Aug. 28 \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Call for unlisted prices. Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org

THE GREEK THEATRE — Glpsy Kings, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. \$32.50 to \$75.

Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, 415-421-TIXS sfx.com or ticketmaster.com

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Stephanie Bruce, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. \$12 to

Play

8623 for details.)

Special attraction: Visitors line up again and again to ride the rope "zip line."

Kids' perspective: "It's cool, because the playgrounds are built by children, and you can paint things," said Justine Daulbert, 8, of San Leandro. "I like to climb up that net," added her sister, 6-year-old Chelsea Daulbert.

12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ra-

what you'll find: The playground area centers around an
unusual mushroom-shaped fountain, usually full of splashing and
giggling kids. A series of manmade streams invite wading; kids
also flock to the spring toys and
two large plastic climbing structures with swings, tube slides,
tunnels, bridges and climbing
bars. The rest of the park is
amazing, too, offering ball fields,
restrooms, a skate park and even
a snack bar.

4. Central Park

FROM PAGE C3

The Snake Trio, Lichi, Hugo and Weber, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. \$12.

924 GILMAN STREET — For the Crown, Beneath the Ashes, Pains of Sleep, End of All, Aug. 23.

Phantom Limbs, Dead and Gone, Pitch Black, Fire Fighting for Christ, Sticks and Stones, Aug. 24.

The Lab Rats, Damage Done, The First Step, Diehard Youth, Impact, Some Stil Believe, Aug. 30.

For all ages. Shows are \$5 unless other wise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 5 p.m. 924 Gilman St. Berkeley. 510-525-9926.

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Deke Dickerson and the Ecco-fonics Calamity and Main, Aug. 23. \$8.

The Damnations, Loretta Lynch, Aug. 24. \$7.

Special attraction: Sand play is huge here — many kids come equipped with plastic shovels and pails.

els and pails.

Kids' perspective: "It has sand," noted 4-year-old Napoleon Kaufman. "Actually, I like the swings and the tire swings," said 7-year-old Susie Hammons of Livermore.

Community Park

Cleaveland Road and Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

What you'll find: A fenced tot lot sits near one of the main park entrances, but head around behind the swim center to find the real deal. The spacious main play lot offers a sand crane, tire swings, twisting monkey bars, large play structures with chain bridges, sliding bars to hang from and even a red-tile fire truck. On hot days, big kids join the little ones in running through

growing produce.

Special attraction: No one can resist the real, old-fashioned merry-go-round.

Kids' perspective: "I like all of it — I like the spinning thing and the tire swing and the bars," said Kenneth Santiago, 7, of Concord. "Me, too," said his cousin Lauren Bolda, 3.

6. Orloff Park

Pleasanton
What you'll find: Two large,
colorful play structures dominate
this appealing park. The area for
older children includes sand
cranes, an assortment of climbing bars, really big, fast slides,

sica Jones Quartet, Aug. 26. \$10.

John Hammond's Wicked Grin, Aug. 27 and Aug. 28. \$20.

Oregon, Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. \$18 to \$22

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Open Mic, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Sign 7:30 p.m. Free.

Community Park

Moraga Commons, Moraga
Road and St. Marys Road
Orinda Community Park, 26
Orinda Way
What you'll find: Yep, it's a
tie. Both of these parks are lovely.
Moraga Commons offers a tot
lot with a wooden play structure
underlaid with sand, swings, animal springs and a miniature
train; plus an area for older children has monkey bars, plenty of
swings and another large
wooden play structure.
Orinda Community Park has
an amazing tot area that even includes child-size benches; the
small play structure for older
children features a treehouselike
fort with an extra-long suspended chain bridge.
Special attraction: On hot

\$15 to \$20. Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 1330 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland. 510-444-0323 or www.kitka org

DANCE

EAGLES HALL ZYDECO CAJUN DANCES — Dance lesson, 8 p.m.; con-cert and dance, 9 p.m. \$11 to \$13

For age 21 and over Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082

OUTDOORS

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER —
"Busy Busy Birds," Aug. 25, 2 p.m Imagine the incredible journey that the shorebirds make every year. For ages 5 and over.

"Sea Squirts." Exclusively for children

"Sea Siblings." For ages 3 to 5 with the option of bringing along siblings age 1 to 5 or a friend. Each session includes an outdoor exploration and a theme-re-lated craft. Reservations required. \$3 per child. 510-521-8887

OAKLAND HERITAGE ALLIANCE —
"2002 Summer Walking Tours," closin
Aug. 25. \$10. Tour times and meeting
locations vary. 510-763-9218 or
www.oaklandheritage org

What you'll find: Ever watched that cable show "Junk-yard Wars"? Consider Adventure Playground the junior version, minus the competitive aspect. Here, kids ages 7 and up can design, build and paint their own wooden play structures and climb around on ropes, nets and tires. Supervisors are on hand to keep everything safe.

The park is open weekends and holidays during the school year, except when it rains. Admission is free for kids with their parents (hence, it meets my criteria), or \$5 for up to three hours of supervised play for kids who are dropped off. (Call 510-644-8623 for details.)

Special attraction: Visitors line weekends with call the supervised play for kids who are dropped off. (Call 510-644-8623 for details.)

Community Park

1800 Santa Rita Road,

ing wall with plastic toe- and handholds. The tot structure offers swings, ladders, slides, bridges and a "general store." You'll also find basketball courts, ball fields, a well-maintained exercise course and plenty of grassy areas for playing catch.

Special attraction: The soft, rubberized cushion below the tot structure squishes beneath your feet.

7. Commons/Orinda Community Park

preschoolers love the water-works/sand play area at Orinda Community Park. Kids' Perspective: Olivia Chandler 4. who lives in Orinda.

8. Civic Park

1375 Civic Drive, Walnut

What you'll find: The play-ground area here is clustered in an easy-to-supervise fashion, with plenty of swings, two large plastic play structures and a choo-choo train to climb on. Kids also end up playing on the nearby exercise station, lolling on the sit-up boards and hanging from the rings. Serene Civic Park also offers restrooms, a gazebo, butterfly gardens, plenty of shade trees, and overall, a catnap-inducing environment.

Special attraction: The western of the statement of the statement

tubes.

Klds' perspective: "I like the
monkey bars. You climb on them
like little monkeys," said Ava
Karim, 6, of Walnut Creek.

9. Montclair Park

Special attraction: When the East Bay is roasting, you're likely to find cooler temperatures

Longview and Acorn roads,

Reviews

FROM PAGE C4

Emilie (Ielid Le Besco), a viscount's spir-ited, virginal daughter who discreetly co-zies up to Sade and gradually learns to trust him. Ultimately, Sade arranges and supervises Emilie's defloration by Au-gustin (Jalli Lespert), a handsome young gardener. In its quiet, literate way, the film is nearly as subversive as its central character, while Sade emerges as an al-most heroic figure. — S. Holden. (NR) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

"SEX AND LUCIA": "Sex and Lucia's" complex, often confusing fusion of reality and fantasy begins with Lucia (Paz Vega), a Madrid waitress involved in a tempestuous relationship with a noveilst named Lorenzo (Tristan Ullica). Returning to their apartment, Lucia finds Lorenzo gone. She flees to a Mediterranean isitand that had been one of Lorenzo favorite places, but to which he of refused to take her. Next we flash back sky years, before Lorenzo knew Lucia, to a sexual adventure he had with a woman whose name he doesn't know. "Sex and Lucia' alternates between two different plot strands: what happens to Lucia on the island, and a flashback to how Lucia and Lorenzo met and how their relationship developed. In Spanish with English subtites. — K. Turan. (Nr. explicit sex scene.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. C"SIGNS": An exhiliarating supernatural

"THIRTEEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ONE THING": More accurately, 13 te-dlous conversations about nothing. One of those movies, like "Magnolia," that in-terweaves stories about characters we know will ultimately be connected. When



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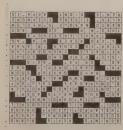
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Calendar

Children

- The East Bay School for Girls will move to St. John's Presbyterian Church and Center at 2727 College Ave., in Berkeley. This new location is at the corner of Forest, two blocks north of Ashby, and will provide expanded classroom and outdoor play space for the growing number of EBSG students. The move will take place over the summer vacation. School opens in late August for the 2002-2003 academic year on the new campus. Details: 482-4444.
 Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.
 Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walmut St. Hours: 11 am. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 648-0237.
 Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppets shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppets how, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational guppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland, and Alta Bates Medical Center at 2:12 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. Details: Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-9560 classes

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- Tails: 642-0808

 Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941
 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 —the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For details, call Katherine at 525-5231

 Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practices Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700
 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6705 for details.

 Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141. Berkeley, CA. 94701.

 "Work Buddles"; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage. Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum sixmonth commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

 Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 800-642-9355.

 SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment programs.

 The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

 English-In-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteers as conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week, VWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

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located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

■ El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7:50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

Atta Bates Medical Center presents

Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave.
Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for Information.

New Pieces Gallery on Solano Avenue shows quits and soft cicht sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Event

mation, call 510-526-9105 or visit www.poetryflash.org

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Aliston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must compete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Workshop is from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 11, in the Edith Stone Room. The poetry events, led by Alison Seaval, are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. The Ilibrary is located at 1247 Marin Ave. Call 510-526-3720 ext. 19 for more information. Berkeley Farmers' Market & Water-shed Environmental Poetry Festival take place from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 7, at Chic Center Park, Center St. at MLK, Jr. Way, Pre-festival event: Strawberry Creek Walk, with featured poets and creek restoration advocates, begins at 10 a.m. at Oxford and Center St., Berkeley, For more information, call 510-526-9105 or visit www.poetryflash.org

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Merkel recollects. His memory of
the Model A, however, never faded.
In the summer of 1983, he mentioned to his wife, Janet, that he
would like to find a replacement.
Within a couple of weeks — on
the same day — both husband and
wife, independently of one another,
spotted the same newspaper ad offering a 1931 Model A Ford for sale.
The likelihood of its being what
Ford called a "Tudor" sedan was
great because that was the most
popular model each of the four
years that Model A Fords were manufactured.
Upon inspection Merkel discovered the two-door sedan had been
brush-painted black and had a 1930
Model A four-cylinder engine that
ran. But he wasn't impressed with
the car's condition.
Nevertheless, he purchased it
and trailered the 2,375-pound, fivepassenger sedan home to rural
Maryland. It was one of 170,645
such models produced in 1931.
On his first excursion around the
neighborhood Merkel ran over a
bump In the road, setting the steer-

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Intermittent problem may be with starter, fix requires diagnostics

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During the past several weeks, in the morning, usually, when I start my car, I hear only a clicking sound and the engine does not start. After a few seconds I try again and the engine starts right away, perfectly normal.

I check the battery in the evening by turning on the headlights without the engine running. The brightness of the headlights is good.

good.
Then I start the engine with the headlights on. The engine starts smoothly and the headlights dim about one-half. I think the battery still might be good.
What do you think is wrong that I cannot start the engine the first time in the morning? My car is a Honda Civic LX 1994 and I bought

BRAD BERGROLDT

the existing battery five years ago from a Honda dealer.
—Ying Mak, Cupertino, Calif.

A This problem will be a little tough to solve as the symptom occurs so briefly, then vanishes. Even though your battery is up there in age, it's unlikely to cause a problem of this nature.

I'd start by cleaning the battery terminals and inspecting the wire connections at the starter. With eye protection in place, remove the negative battery terminal, then the positive.

ishes. Even though your battery is up there in age, it's unlikely to cause a problem of this nature. I'd start by cleaning the battery terminals and inspecting the wire connections at the starter. With eye protection in place, remove the negative battery terminal, then the positive. Using a small piece of sandpaper, polish the inner surface of each terminal and both battery posts. If the fault still occurs, odds

are high it's a faulty starter or the command circuit to it.

To narrow the search further, try this: For the next five mornings, before attempting to start the car with the key, jump the large and small solenoid terminals together (briefly, with the transmission in park or neutral, parking brake applied) with a section of wire.

If the starter fails to contact with the seat can result in a spark as the fuel nozzle is handled.

If you must re-enter the vehicle, discharge your body after exiting by housing a bare metal component, such as a door handle, before touching the nozzle. Do not use your cell phone while refueling for the same reason.

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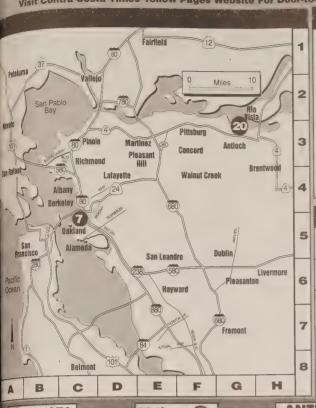
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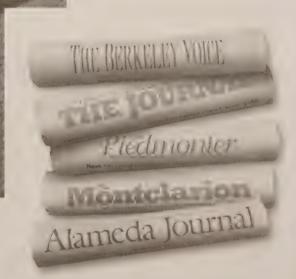
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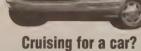
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BAKED TOMATOES WITH SPINACH MOUSSE 4 large tomatoes Melted unsalted butter

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 Salt to taste
 15 ounces frozen, chopped
 spinach, thawed
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 2 large garlic cloves, minced
 2 green orilons, finely chopped
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 1 cup whipping cream
 1 tablespoon Pernod or other
 anise-flavored liqueur
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground
 black pepper
 1/4 teaspoon red (cayenne) pepper

1/4 teaspoon red (cayenne) pepper 3 eggs, well beaten Grated Parmesan cheese Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Halve tomatoes crosswise. Carefully scoop out and discard pulp and seeds, being careful not to puncture the outer skin. Cut a very thin slice from bottom of each tomato half so it will sif flat. Place tomatoes in a baking dish. Brush inside with melted butter and sait and pepper to taste. Set dish aside. Press all the moisture out of the spinach. In heavy 10-inch skillet over medium heat, meit 2 tablespoons of butter. Add spinach, parlic and green onions. Saufé for 5 minutes then add flour, stirring to blend well. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3 to 4 minutes. Add whipping cream, Pernod and seasonings. Bring to boil and stir until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Stir in beaten eggs. Spoon portion of mixture into each tomato half and top with Parmesan cheese. Bake in oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 8 servings.

TOMATO AND MOZZARELLA CAPRESE

CAPRESE

1 pound vine-ripened tomatoes, ced 1/2-inch thick
1 fluid ounce balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup packed fresh basil leaves
12 ounces fresh mozzarella
1 sprinkle dry oregano leaves
Sea salt or kosher salt, to taste
Fresh ground pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive

oil
On a large platter arrange sliced tomatoes and drizzle with balsamic vinegar. Place one basil leaf on top of each tomato slice. Slice mozzarella and place on top of basil leaves. Sprinkle oregano, salt and pepper on cheese and drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil. Serves 4.

Source: Olive Garden restaurant

TOMATO AND BASIL BRUSCHETTA
28-ounce can tomatoes, drained, ushed lightly and chopped
1/4 of medium red onion, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup fresh basil, chopped
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive

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Salt and pepper to taste
1 baguette or French bread, sliced 1/2-inch thick
Optional add-ins: black olive paste, red chili flakes, minced grilled zucchini or eggplant, anchovies and toasted pine nuts
Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Combine tomatoes, onion, garlic, basil, olive oil and seasoning. Mix well with a spoon and set aside for 20 minutes. Place bread rounds on baking dish. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes until lightly toasted and golden brown. If desired, spray lightly with olive oil and sprinkle with dried oregano before baking, spoon tomatoes over toasted bread rounds and serve immediately. Sprinkle asiago or Parmesan cheese over bread rounds before baking for extra flavor. Makes 6 to 8 appetizers.
Source: Muir Glen Organic

TOMATO TART

2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced 1 refrigerated pie crust (15 ounce

nary, divided
6 ounces shredded Swiss cheese
(about 1 1/2 cups)
1 teaspoon basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black

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pepper Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Re-move one pie crust from pouch and soften as directed on package. Un-fold crust, press out fold lines and place on foll-covered pizza pan or baking sheet. Sprinkle cheese, 1/2 teaspoon rosemary and basil over

teaspoon rosemary and buddingh.

Cover cheese with overlapping tomato slices in circular pattern. Mix remaining 1 teaspoon rosemary, garlic salt and pepper. Sprinkle over tomatoes. Fold about 1/2 inch of pie crust edge toward center of tart. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Makes 4 servings.

Source: mccormick.com

Water
Whole onion
5 to 6 celery leaves
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
For soup:
2 to 3 large celery stalks, food
ocessed or blended
1 cup sliced celery
1 to 2 carrots, peeled and food
ocessed or blended
4 to 5 large tomatoes, peeled,
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4 chicken breasts, de-boned and

2 chicken bouillon cubes
3 to 4 tomatoes, peeled, seeded
and chopped
Place chicken on bone in large
pot with enough water to cover. Add
2 teaspoons of salt, 1/4 teaspoon
black pepper, 1 onion and 5 to 6 celery leaves. Bring to a boil. Reduce
heat, cover and simmer for one hour.
Remove chicken. (Note: This chicken
is not for use in the soup.) Strain
cooled broth into a clean pot through
a colander lined with cheese cloth.
Discard vegetables and residue. Refrigerate broth overnight. Remove all
fat that accumulates to top. Heat
broth on stove to boiling. Add celery, carrots and tomatoes. Boil again.
Reduce heat and simmer for 30 to
45 minutes. Add potatoes, bring to
a boil, reduce to simmer. Sprinkle
skinned chicken breasts with white
pepper and sear in a large pan. Remove, cool slightly and cut into small
cubes. Add to vegetable mixture.
Add onion and parsley flakes, wine,
bouillon cubes and chopped tomatoes. Simmer 30 to 45 minutes. Garnish with tortilla chips, if desired.
Source: "Better Than Prison

CHICKEN, AVOCADOS AND TOMATOES
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, brushed with vegetable oil and sprinkled with salt and

Cilantro
6 ounces (1 medium) avocado, halved, pitted, skinned and cut into bite-size chunks
Creamy buttermilk dressing
Bring 1 gallon water to boil. Preheat grill on high for 10 minutes. Grill chicken over high heat until opaque throughout and fully cooked, about 3 to 4 minutes per side, depending on size. Let cool, cut crosswise into thin silices and set aside. Add salt and pasta to pot and cook until just tender. Drain, spread out in shallow baking pan and let cool to room temperature.

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Transfer chicken, pasta and renaining ingredients, except avocado
nd dressing, to large bowl, do not
nix. When ready to serve, add avoado and dressing, toss to coat. Let
tand 15 minutes and serve. Note:
sata salad can be covered and reigerated for up to 2 hours.

Source: "CookSmart" by Pam Anerson

SMOKED TURKEY AND SUNDRIED TOMATO WRAPS
1/2 cup (4 ounces) fat-free cream heese, softened
1 tablespoon Buitoni pesto with un-dried tomatoes
4 (10-inch) flour tortillas
8 thin slices smoked turkey breast
4 cups shredded romaine lettuce
2 cups chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion, ptional

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2 tablespoons finely chopped
green onion

1/4 cup sliced black olives

1 large clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Few pinches cayenne pepper
(optional)
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The best marinades combine a complex balance of flavor elements — honey, molasses, white or brown sugar, ketchup, chutney or bottled plum sauce add sweetness. Spicy heat can be integrated with ingredients such as hot sauce, chili powder or oil, curry paste, wasabi or grated ginger. The concentrated flavors of Worcestershire sauce, Thai fish sauce, soy sauce or hoisin sauce add a salty element that heightens all the other tastes.

But the key component in a marinade is tartness. Shirley Corriher, author of "CookWise: The Secrets of Cooking Revealed" (William Morrow, 1997), says "you can use anything acidic as a marinade—wine, fruit juice, buttermilk, milk, yogurt. Vinaigrettes are effective marinades that penetrate the meat fibers surprisingly well." (Oil, however, should not make up more than a fourth of the vinaigrette, as it can cause flareups when food is grilled.)

Do marinades actually tenderize food? Alton Brown, whose popular Food Network show "Good Eats" has morphed into a book, "I'm Just Here for the Food: Food + Heat (equals) Cooking" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2002), debunks the theory. "Marinades have long been hailed as 'tenderizers. They're not," he writes. "The reason that marinades seem to tenderize has more to do with flavor than any actual textural alterations" he continues. Yet there is proof that both acid marinades and the plant enzymes found in papaya, figs, pineapple and fresh ginger of break down muscle fiber and collagen in meat and poultry, and some tenderizing does occur.

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In "On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen" (Scribners, 1984), Harold McGee writes that "the enzymes have been used for hundreds of years. In pre-Columbian Mexico, meat was wrapped in papaya leaves before cooking."

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Companies that manufacture powdered tenderizers make use of these enzymes in their products. Adolph's tenderizer includes papain, which is extracted from the papaya and breaks down muscle protein, while the McCormick brand uses

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fore cooking. The third steak was marinated overnight in the refrigerator.

While the steak with the shorter marination time was more flavorful, the steak using the tenderizer had a softer texture and seemed more tender, making it a good choice for a quick-to-fix dinner.

But the clear favorite was the steak marinated overnight. Not only was it tender and juicy, but the flavors had time to blend and permeate further into the meat.

Marination times can vary with the type of meat or poultry, and with its weight and thickness, but here are some general guidelines and for safety keep meats refrigerated while marinating.

Beef steaks to larger roasts: 4 to 8 hours minimum, or overnight.

Pork chops and roasts: 4 to 8 hours minimum, or overnight.

Chicken pieces: 4 hours.

Whole chickens: 4 to 8 hours, or overnight.

terior and made the fish drier.

Marinades that have been used on raw meats should be discarded. If you want to have marinade to use as sauce made a double batch of sauce and set part of it aside in the refrigerator for later use.

Marinades - recipes

TANDOORI MARINADE

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2/3 cup plain low-fat yogurt
4 medium cloves garlic, peeled
and minced
2 tablespoons peeled and grated
fresh gingerroot
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground criander
2 teaspoons ground turmeric
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
About a 3-pound boned and butterflied lamb roast
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

per 1. Combine the yogurt, garlic, ginger, lemon juice, cumin, coriander, turmeric, cayenne and clinnamon, mixing well. Place the lamb between sheets of plastic wrap and pound with a meat mallet to a thickness of about 1 inch. Put into a large shallow pan or baking dish, and pour the marinade over the meat, turning to coat evenly. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 8 to 24 hours.

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2. Lightly oil and heat a grill. Re-move the lamb from the pan but don't scrape off the marinade. Place meat on the grill and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Cook, covered, over direct, medium-hot coals about 10 to 15 minutes per side, or until cooked to the desired doneness.

3. Let the meat rest off the grill 5 minutes before carving across the

grain in thin slices.

Makes about 8 to 10 servings.

Note: Tandoori marinade also
can also be used for chicken or fish.

From "The Best Recipe: Grilling
and Barbecue" by the editors of
Cook's Illustrated Magazine.

PACIFIC RIM MARINADE

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¼ cup ketchup
¼ cup hoisin or plum sauce
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce1 tablespoon curry powder
1 tablespoon Asian sesame oil
¼ teaspoon hot sauce
Combine the ketchup, hoisin or
plum sauce, rice vinegar, soy sauce,
curry powder, sesame oil and hot
sauce. Use as a marinade for pork,
beef or chicken.
Note: Double the marinade and
use half for a dipping sauce.
Makes about 1 cup.
From "Weber's Big Book of
Grilling" by Jamie Purviance and
Sandra S. McRae.

KOREAN-STYLE MARINATED FLANK STEAK
½ cup light soy sauce
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons peeled and minced fresh gingerroot
1 medium clove garlic, peeled and minced
½ to 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
2 green onions, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1½ pounds flank steak
½ cucumber, peeled
4 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
1 medium carrot, peeled and coarsely grated
2 teaspoons toasted sesame seeds

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Transfer to a serving bowl and serve chilled with potato or tortilla chips, fresh vegetables or baguette slices.

Makes 3 1/2 cups.

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